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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is respectfully submitted in connection with the above-referenced application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph immediate following the title "ULTRASONIC TREATMENT FOR WOUNDS".

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/273,221 filed on March 19, 1999, now allowed, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/799,240 filed on February 14, 1997, abandoned, both entitled "Ultrasonic Treatment for Wounds."

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following claims:

23. A method for promoting healing of a wound comprising:
positioning an ultrasonic transducer having an operative surface in the vicinity of the wound; and